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DIGESTIVE DISORDERS

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REPLY AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed June 6, 2005, favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for the currently pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants maintain their traversal of the restriction requirement as put forth in the Reply filed March 10, 2005. To that end, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 requesting reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

The rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Sipos (U.S. 5,750,104) in view of Ogawa et al. (U.S. 6,013,680) is respectfully traversed.